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commanders only after it has been approved and signed by the Chief of Air Garrison. Interior guard duty is performed by those who are so designated by their respective units which alternately supply personnel as instructed by the published roster.

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A Unit, such as Air Corps, has a Guard Platoon composed of 41 men. One of these 41 men is an officer with the rank of Sr Lieutenant or of Captain. This officer is the "CO" of the guard platoon. Sometimes other and higher ranking officers are designated to be the commander of the guard platoon, but this is only as an additional duty. Officers of higher rank than Captain can not have primary duty as CO of the guard platoon. The Chief of the Corps has the authority to appoint any officer he wants to from his staff to the position of commander of the Kommandatura, but, as stated above, if the rank of the appointee is Captain or lower, such an appointment can be considered as primary duty. If, on the other hand, the rank of the appointee is major or higher, the assignment is given only as secondary or additional duty.

The primary duty of the Kommandatura personnel is security (or guard duty), however, off-duty personnel can be utilized for odd jobs whenever necessary.

In the Air Army (VA) and the Air Force (VVA) of the military district, there is a battalion of security personnel composed of two or three companies. The commander of such a battalion is usually a Major or a Lt Colonel, and is always the military commandant of the Air Garrison in the Air Army. He is subordinate only to the chief of the "VA" (Air Army) of the "VVS" (Military District).

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the functions of the military commandant of Air Army

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- (a) He is responsible for the discipline, proper uniform, military courtesy and overall conduct of all military personnel within the air army base.
- (b) Issues permits to enter or leave the local military installation, to both permanent party personnel and visiting personnel.
- (c) He is fully responsible for the safety and the initial defense of the base.
- (d) He checks all guard posts and sentries daily.
- (e) He sees to it that all stockades (stockade for officers, stockade for M/Sgt's and stockade for EM) are managed according to the rules and regulations.

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Breakdown of Personnel in the Security Battalion

<u>TITLE OF POSITION</u>	<u>MILITARY RANK</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONS</u>
Battalion Commander	Major or Lt Colonel	1
Battalion Vice Commander	Major or Lt Colonel	1
Company Commanders	Captain or Major	2-3
Platoon Commander	Sr Lieutenant or a Captain	4-6
Sr Battalion Adjutant	Captain or Major	1
Battalion Supply Officer	Major or Lt Colonel of Intendance Service	1
Enlisted Personnel	Privates and Master Sergeants	120-160

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In a battalion which is composed of two companies, there are ten (10) officers and one-hundred twenty (120) enlisted personnel.

In a battalion which is composed of three companies, there are thirteen (13) officers and one-hundred sixty (160) enlisted personnel.

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The Kommandatura of Air Garrison, at all levels, functions only within its own parent unit as a rule, although it has the authority to step and arrest SAF personnel of other units. For example: in cities or nearby towns which do not have military police of their own, the responsibility for policing Air Force personnel falls under the Kommandatura of the Air Garrison. If, however, there are military police in the city or town, the Air Garrison personnel have no authority there at all, nor do they have authority to arrest members of other branches of the military service.

In many large cities there are Metropolitan Military Kommandaturas, entirely separate from the Kommandatura of the Air Garrison. These are appointed or designated by the Commander of the Military District. The following are the functions of such a Kommandatura:

- (a) Responsibility for the proper conduct of all military personnel who are stationed in or are visiting the city or its area.
- (b) Responsibility for the proper uniform worn by military personnel in the said city.
- (c) Keeps track of all visiting personnel and determines who is visiting the city on official business and who is visiting the city for personal reasons. In other words, they maintain a regular register of all military personnel visiting the city.
- (d) The Metropolitan Military Kommandatura is empowered to extend furloughs of visiting personnel in cases of emergency, and to extend the length of "TDY" for those personnel who find it necessary to stay longer in order to accomplish their missions.
- (e) Visiting personnel who want ration supplies, instead of monetary allowance for their meals, receive here a certificate showing the amount of provisions they are entitled to. They take this certificate to the store house and receive their rations without paying.
- (f) This Kommandatura reviews the register (described in "c") to make sure that all visiting personnel leave the city early enough to arrive at their respective units on time. All visiting personnel have to check in at the Kommandatura when they arrive in the city and check out when they depart from the city. Those who fail to check out are checked, investigated in order to determine the reason for such failure. The reason must be good.
- (g) Has authority to detain members of any military branch, for any violation of military rules or regulations, etc. Such personnel are arrested and detained in the military prison during the time it takes to notify the unit commander of the individual involved and to receive instructions as to the procedure to be followed.
- (h) A regular roster is maintained to show which units are to supply personnel for garrison duty for the Metropolitan Military Kommandatura, and on what dates. It is always necessary to bear in mind that Air Force and Navy personnel are never used for Garrison duty in a city. Ground troops are used exclusively for such assignments.

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The Metropolitan Military Kommandatura does not concern itself with any duties within military bases. Such bases have their own garrison platoons. The number of personnel used by such a Metropolitan Military Kommandatura depends on the size of the city, together with the towns belonging administratively to the city.

Beside the Kommandatura described above, there is another organization, also called Kommandatura, but which has entirely different functions. This is known as Kommandatura of VVS and its function is to satisfy the needs of very high ranking officials, who might be visiting a particular air base. This organization is rather large, consisting of about 200 personnel. A member of this Kommandatura is always present wherever a "VIP" goes (VIP, very important person) and is ready to serve him at all times during the flight. The commander of a Kommandatura of VVS is administratively subordinate only to the Chief of VVS. Such a Kommandatura is generally used only on such bases (airfields) where a contact with foreign dignitaries is probable, or where a Soviet dignitary is likely to stop over on his trip to foreign countries. This Kommandatura concerns itself more with catering to the dignitaries than it does with security problems.

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